

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS: The Friends of Old-time Radio had its annual convention on Oct 22 and 23 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ. Many celebrities were present. Those receiving awards were: Donald Buka, Kenny Delmar, Jack Grimes, Elaine Hyman, Dora Johnson, Abby Lewis, Ann Loring, Elizbeth Morgan, Dick Osgood, Frank Papp, Patricia Peardon, Bob Readick, Ruth Russell, Terry Ross, John Seymour, Ezra Stone, Jane (Colleen) Ward, Florence Williams, Dwight Weist. Not present to receive them were; K Delmar, E Hyman, B Readick, John Seymour. Other guests present were: Alice Yourman, Lee Allman, Arthur Anderson, George Ansbro, Ira Ashley, Jackson Beck, Fran Carlon, Walter Gibson, Don Hughes, Evie Juster, Raymond E Johnson, Jim Lawrence, Bill Lipton, Audrey Marsh, Bill Owen, Arthur Tracy, Vicki Vola. They were all present throughout the afternoon and evening. They socialized with the people and presented 2 radio shows.

The convention started on Friday at 12:00 when 99 people attended cocktails and a buffet supper. On the program was musical trivia by Jay Hickerson, video tapes, a presentation about tape recorders by Manos Nomikos, formerly of TEAC, and reminiscing with Dick Osgood.

On Saturday the convention started at 9:00 with 37 dealer tables and several video tapes. Some dealers were D Aston, R Barnett, E Carr, G Dudash, J Furman, G Kramer, A Tollin, S Weiss, J Webb, I Munsick. Most of the clubs were represented. Collectors from over 19 states were present.

All workshops were presented including: Acting and sound effects (Bedside Network with Arnold Drake, Terry Ross, Audrey Marsh and Jean Tighe Lehte; OTR Clubs (Ken Piletic; Nat'l Broadcasters Hall of Fame (Art Schrieber); OTR books and Pubs (Gary Yoggy and Chris Lembasis); Lux Radio Theater (Jim Snyder); Lone Ranger (Terry Salomonson, Fran Striker Jr, Dick Osgood) Meet New Collectors (Bob Witte); Trivia (Jay Hickerson); Flubs and Fluffs (Mary Wallace and Walt Mitchell); Al Jolson Special (Ed Greenbaum); a reading by Raymond Edward Johnson; Radio Collecting Experts (Ron Barnett); Recreation of AUNT JENNY; WXYZ Panel with Dick Osgood, Jim Lawrence, Lee Allman, Fran Striker Jr.

Cocktails and Dinner followed. There were 251 people for dinner and another 108 in the afternoon. Arthur Tracy entertained with several songs; an award by the Buffalo Club was given to Jim Snyder; Walt Mitchell played a greeting to us by Mel Blanc; The members of the Bedside Network described what they did; Karen (the future Mrs. Hickerson on Jan 2nd) sang several songs during dinner ending with God Bless America; Dwight Weist, Ezra Stone, Jack Beck, Lee Allman and others recreated THE GREEN HORNET;

The Allen Rockford Award was given to Roger Hill. Then the guests received theirs. The guests were very gracious in granting interviews and mingling with the people. I want to thank them again for giving of their time to be with us.

Also the committee did a wonderful job. Many thanks to my co-chairmen, Joe Webb and Stu Weiss, and the rest of the committee.

Ken Piletic video-taped much of the affair. For details of how to get a copy send Ken a SASE to 705 S Oltendorf Rd, Streamwood, Ill 60103. Terry Salomonson and Garry Kramer audio-taped much of the convention. Details of obtaining a copy may be had by sending Joe Webb a SASE to Box 268, Glen Cove, NY 11542. Bob Eurchette, 1971 Madison Rd, Cincinnati, Oh 45208 took pictures. Send him a SASE for details.

A PERSONAL NOTE: A friend of mine is looking for any songs by Jimmy Durante² radio or not-on cassette. Any help would be appreciated.

MORE CONVENTION NEWS: To receive 1982 audio tapes send Joe Webb 4 1800-foot tapes (2 will return with convention). Still send Ken Piletic SASE for details of video tapes...Many thanks to Dave Siegel for his help in getting guests and helping them at convention...Our next convention will be Nov 11 and 12, 1983 at Holiday Inn-North, Newark. Hold those dates...Dick Osgood wrote "I want to thank you for kindness and generosity in putting me on the guest list. The whole convention operated very smoothly"...Ruth Russell: "It was so nice to be at the big bash. I saw a few people I hadn't seen for a long time"...Fran Carlon: "What wonderful convention and the expertise that you all display make each year better"...Donald Buka: "I enjoyed the stroll down through memory lane and seeing friends and co-workers after so many years. The award has a very special spot, not only in my hearth but in my heart."

IN FOND MEMORY: Larry Breeding, Sep 27, 36; actor...Glenn Gould, Oct 4, 50; classical pianist...Mabel Albertson, Sep 28, 81; tv and radio actress (Phil Baker) ...Sol (Roberts) Robinowitz, Oct 3, 62; sax player with Duke Ellington...Monty Stratton, Sep 29, 70; baseball player (Stratton Story-1949-starred J Stewart)...Bolfe Sedan, Sep 16, 86; char. actor...Fernando Lamas, Oct 8, 67; well-known actor ...Virginia Fox Zanuch, Oct 14, 79; silent screen actress...Belle Ellig, Oct 15, 50's; stage and tv actress...John Brahn, Oct 11, 89; film director...Jesse Powell, Oct 19, 58; tenor saxophonist...Philip Ober, Sep 13, 80; stage, film, tv actor... King Vidor, Nov 1, 88; pioneer motion picture director...James Broderick, Nov 1, 55; actor...James Philbrook, Oct 24, 58; actor.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: MEMORIES (Buffalo Club); article on the SHADOW...WORLD OF YESTERDAY, Oct; articles on Little Orphan Annie; Blondie; Joe Palooka; Maggie and Jiggs; Mutt and Jeff; Buster Crabbe interview; most written by Charles Stumpf ...SPERDVAC RADIOGRAM, Nov; articles on Frank Nelson; andre Baruch and Bea Wain.

BOOKS: GREAT RADIO PERSONALITIES IN HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS by Anthony Slide; Dover Bks; 1982; \$8.

CONVENTIONS: Plans are underway for a Lone Ranger 50th anniversary convention near the end of January near Phil, Pa. For information write Fran Striker Jr, Box 832, Lansdale, Pa 19446.

LOGS: Ray Stanich, 173 Columbia Hts, Brooklyn, NY 11201 has log of RICHARD DIAMOND 1949-53 for SASE with 2 stamps.

THE TAPE DECK: Charlotte and Bruce Mager (WAVES) 32 E 13th St, NYC, NY 10003 (212) 989 9284 specialize in old radios. Drop in and see them.

NEW ADDRESS: David Schroeder, 1805 Third Ave N, Seattle, Wa 98109.

HERE AND THERE: NEW FRIENDS: Ed Osterman, Rt 1 Box 21, Central City, NE 68826... Rudy Schwartz (Burlington Audio Tapes) 106 Mott St, Oceanside, NY 11572 (was dealer at convention) has large supply of cassettes and reel tapes at reasonable prices (516) 678 4414...John Sorensen, 124 W 17th St, Grand Isl, Neb 68801 is writing article on Orson Welles' radio Career and wants all information possible...Clifford Smales Jr, 8 Daniel Blvd, Bloomfield, Ct 06002 wants GOON SHOW, ARCHIE ANDREWS and BLONDIE.

OLD FRIENDS: Andy Blatt, 42 Bowling Grn, Staten Isl, NY 10314 wants videotaped copies of DARK SHADOWS and UNCLE FLOYD (VHS). Can trade many rebroadcasts of 50s and 60s tv shows including kinescopes. Still collecting and trading radio shows - has 5000...Marty Decker, 7405 Eaton Ln, Greendale, WI 53129 wants TROMAN HARPER,



IF BOX IS CHECKED, \$6 IS DUE FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

RUMOR DETECTIVE...Charles Holmes, 1111 San Juan Dr, Charleston, SC 29407 has following: 39 reels of network GREAT GILDERSLEEVE, 1 reel of PHIL HARRIS/ALICE FAYE 1953; 7 reels of THIS IS YOUR FBI; 6 reels of MAISIE; 18 more shows of Black Arrow series from LONE RANGER; others...Thomas Heathwood, 22 Broadlawn Pk, Chestnut Hill, Ma 02167 wants radio and/or tv coverage of Flights of Apollo 7, 8, 9 and 10; also episodes of MAN BEHIND THE GUN; Tom is coordinator of material for the Boston Advertising Club which is presenting SALUTE OF NEW ENGLAND BROADCASTING in early January. Please send Tom all material which relates to NE advertising such as radio spots/jingles/commercials. Audio and video tapes are welcomed. All will be returned with a little surprise. Tom also wants tapes of old local shows from New England especially Boston; also LASSIE radio shows...Joe Crawford, Box 711, Placenta, Cal 92670 wants BBC, CBC, Australian, N Zealand and Fiji (English) radio shows. Has fair size Amer. and BBC shows for trade...Charlie Ingersoll, 315 1st Ave SE, Aitkin, MN 56431 wants to contact one of Fats Waller's sons; either Thomas Wright Jr, Maurice or Ronald (New York area)...Burt Brown, 566 Wayland Ave, Providence, RI 02906 wants tape of Old Timers Day at Fenway Park, Sat. May 1, 1982...John Gassman, Box 1163, Whittier, Cal 90604 wants interviews of East Coast personalities. Joe Webb, Box 268, Glen Cove, NY 11542 has several years recordings of our convention back to 1976. All require sending 2 1800-foot reels of tape except 1981. For that send 2 2400-foot tapes...Ira Braymer Jr, 3260 38th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126 wants address of Curley Bradley.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: Johnny Carson will host a 2-hour Thanksgiving special on NBC Radio saluting 50 years of comedy on NBC...Bob Hope will host a Christmas Radio special on NBC...According to WNYC (NY) Nightfall repeats are still heard (FM) at 10:30 PM on Friday. They are unaware of series called MIDNIGHT. The new Star Wars series will air in Feb...WMCA (NY) Mon-Fri 7:30-9:30 plays rebroadcasts of old shows...After 9 years CBS will drop MYSTERY THEATER on Dec 31st. Hi Brown will try to go into syndication or continue barter agreement...The National Symphony Orch. conducted by Mstislav Rostropovich debuted recently on Mutual. This 13-week series of concerts is the first for a symphony on a commercial network in 20 years. The last was the NY Philharmonic which ended a 33-year run on CBS in 1963...Cort Pertent reminds us of PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION on NPR Sat. from 6-8 PM. It has a little of everything...Lawrence Welk starting in December will have a one-hour weekly radio show. It will originate in Escondido, Cal and be syndicated.

LATE NEWS: Mark Dereng, 6701 N Edgebrook Ter, Chicago, Ill 60646 would like to trade with his old friends and new ones again. Mark is confined to the house and WX wants to trade...Tom Price, 331 Amherst Dr, Salinas, Cal 93901 (see flyer) has following scripts: complete run of SMACKOUT by M and J Jordan (1931-35); first 6 years of FM & M scripts (1935-41); 125 NBC FM & M Monitor Programs (1957-59)...Ken Piletic reminds you to send him a SASE to get information about the video tape of the convention...Florence Williams says: "It meant so much to me to be a part of your celebration. Thank you for letting me be a part thereof...NEW FRIEND is Steve Holden, 2617 SE 138th Loop, Vancouver, Wash 98664...RECEIVED: RETURN WITH US NOW; Nov; article about Mel Blanc.

Have happy holidays. The next issue will be out in January, after my marriage to Karen.

Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

Jay Hickerson, Box C, Orange, Ct 06477 (203) 795-6261; 248-2887

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